

Phase spaces of Doubly Special Relativity

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Abstract

We show that depending on the direction of deformation of κ -Poincaré algebra (time-like, space-like, or light-like) the associated phase spaces of single particle in Doubly Special Relativity theories have the energy-momentum spaces of the form of de Sitter, anti-de Sitter, and flat space, respectively.

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It has been claimed for some time that quantum groups could play significant role in quantizing gravity (see, for example, [1] and also [2], where the role of quantum symmetries in 2+1 quantum gravity has been explicitly shown.) If this claim is correct in the case of 3+1 quantum gravity, then one can expect that the symmetries of “quantum special relativity” defined as a flat space limit of quantum gravity should also be properly defined in terms of quantum groups.

Following this intuition quantum κ -Poincaré algebra [3], [4] has been proposed some time ago as a possible algebra of symmetries of flat space in Planckian regime. This algebra was incorporated later to the construction of Doubly Special Relativity (DSR) theories [5], [6], [7], [8], in which it plays a role of the symmetry algebra of one-particle states (another version of DSR theory has been proposed in [9], [10], but it can be also described in terms of a κ -Poincaré algebra [11].)

It happened to be more natural to introduce DSR as a theory of energy and momenta with deformed action of boosts. It turns out, however that one can make use of the co-product of κ -Poincaré algebra to construct position sector of DSR. In particular it has been shown in [12], [13], [14] that in DSR one particle dynamics takes place in the phase space, whose energy-momentum manifold forms four dimensional de Sitter space, while the space of positions is the non-commutative κ -Minkowski space [4]. The link between κ -Minkowski space and κ -Poincaré algebra, which was originally obtained by using duality of Hopf algebra ([4], [15]), has been recently re-derived in the paper [16] starting from dynamics on κ -Minkowski space.

In the analysis reported in these papers the starting point was a particular form of κ -Poincaré algebra, with deformation along time-like direction. It is well known however that there are other κ -Poincaré algebras [17], [18] in which the deformation can be directed along light-like or space-like directions. In this paper we will present construction of phase spaces in such a general case.

Let us start with reviewing the general form of κ -Poincaré algebra (in the case of arbitrary Minkowski metric $g^{\mu\nu}$), whose algebraic part is given by [17]

$$[M^{\mu\nu}, M^{\alpha\beta}] = i \left(g^{\mu\beta} M^{\nu\alpha} - g^{\nu\beta} M^{\mu\alpha} + g^{\nu\alpha} M^{\mu\beta} - g^{\mu\alpha} M^{\nu\beta} \right) \quad (1)$$

$$[P_\mu, P_\nu] = 0, \quad [M^{ij}, P_0] = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$[M^{ij}, P_k] = i\kappa \left(\delta_k^j g^{0i} - \delta_k^i g^{0j} \right) \left(1 - e^{-P_0/\kappa} \right) + i \left(\delta_k^j g^{is} - \delta_k^i g^{js} \right) P_s \quad (3)$$

$$[M^{i0}, P_0] = i\kappa g^{i0} \left(1 - e^{-P_0/\kappa} \right) + i g^{ik} P_k \quad (4)$$

$$[M^{i0}, P_k] = -i \frac{\kappa}{2} g^{00} \delta_k^i \left(1 - e^{-2P_0/\kappa} \right) - i \delta_k^i g^{0s} P_s e^{-P_0/\kappa} \\ + i g^{0i} P_k \left(e^{-P_0/\kappa} - 1 \right) + \frac{i}{2\kappa} \delta_k^i g^{rs} P_r P_s - \frac{i}{\kappa} g^{is} P_s P_k \quad (5)$$

Here Greek indices run from 0 to D , where $D+1$ is the dimension of spacetime under consideration, while Latin from 1 to D . It is easy to see that the standard κ -Poincaré algebra of DSR in the bicrossproduct basis is a particular example of the general algebra (1)–(5), corresponding to the metric $g_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(-1, 1, 1, 1)$ (in four spacetime dimensions) so that the deformation is in the time-like direction. One can consider other cases, however, with $g_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(1, -1, 1, 1)$, and

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

corresponding to space-like and light-like [17], [18] deformation, respectively. It should be stressed that analogous construction can be made in any dimension $D \geq 1$.

According to [17] the algebra (1)–(5) with the following co-product structure

$$\Delta(P_0) = 1 \otimes P_0 + P_0 \otimes 1 \quad (7)$$

$$\Delta(P_k) = P_k \otimes e^{-P_0/\kappa} + 1 \otimes P_k \quad (8)$$

$$\Delta(M^{ij}) = M^{ij} \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes M^{ij} \quad (9)$$

$$\Delta(M^{i0}) = 1 \otimes M^{i0} + M^{i0} \otimes e^{-P_0/\kappa} - \frac{1}{\kappa} M^{ij} \otimes P_j \quad (10)$$

and appropriately given antipode defines Hopf algebra, which we call quantum κ -Poincaré algebra with arbitrary metric $g_{\mu\nu}$. To extend this structure to the whole of the phase space of a one-particle system one adds the dual quantum group with generators being Lorentz transformations $\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu$ and translations of momenta, which can be interpreted as positions X^μ . Their co-products are [17]

$$\Delta(X^\mu) = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu \otimes X^\nu + X^\mu \otimes 1$$

and

$$\Delta(\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu) = \Lambda^\mu{}_\rho \otimes \Lambda^\rho{}_\nu$$

Next one defines the pairings between elements of the algebra and the group as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\langle P_\mu, X^\nu \rangle &= i\delta_\mu^\nu \\ \langle \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu, M^{\alpha\beta} \rangle &= i(g^{\alpha\mu}\delta_\nu^\beta - g^{\beta\mu}\delta_\nu^\alpha) \\ \langle \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu, 1 \rangle &= \delta_\nu^\mu\end{aligned}$$

The phase space brackets can be found by employing Heisenberg double procedure [19], [20], [12]

$$\begin{aligned}[X^\mu, P_\nu] &= P_{\nu(1)} \langle X_{(1)}^\mu, P_{\nu(2)} \rangle X_{(2)}^\mu - P_\nu X^\mu, \\ [X^\mu, M^\rho{}_\sigma] &= M_{(1)\sigma}^\rho \langle X_{(1)}^\mu, M_{(2)\sigma}^\rho \rangle X_{(2)}^\mu - M^\rho{}_\sigma X^\mu,\end{aligned}$$

where we make use of the standard (“Sweedler”) notation for co-product

$$\Delta\mathcal{T} = \sum \mathcal{T}_{(1)} \otimes \mathcal{T}_{(2)}.$$

In this way one gets the following phase space commutator constituting the so called κ -Minkowski, non-commutative spacetime

$$[X^\mu, X^\nu] = -\frac{i}{\kappa} X^\mu \delta_0^\nu + \frac{i}{\kappa} X^\nu \delta_0^\mu \quad (11)$$

$$[X^\mu, M^{k0}] = i(g^{k\mu} X^0 - g^{0\mu} X^k) - \frac{i}{\kappa} (\delta_0^\mu M^{k0} + \delta_l^\mu M^{kl}) \quad (12)$$

$$[X^\mu, M^{kl}] = i(g^{k\mu} X^l - g^{l\mu} X^k) \quad (13)$$

and the commutators between positions X and momenta

$$[P_\nu, X^\mu] = -i\delta_\nu^\mu + \frac{i}{\kappa} \delta_0^\mu P_\sigma (\delta_\nu^\sigma - \delta_\nu^0 \delta_\nu^\sigma). \quad (14)$$

It is interesting to ask which algebra the generators X^μ and $M^{\mu\nu}$ form. Because of (2)–(5) and (14) this $(D+1)(D+2)/2$ -dimensional algebra is the algebra of symmetries of the $D+1$ dimensional energy-momentum space. Assuming that the symmetries act on the energy-momentum space transitively, and that the subalgebra of symmetries leaving invariant the point $P_\mu = 0$ is the Lorentz subalgebra, we see that energy-momentum space is isomorphic

to the quotient of the group generated by X and M algebra by its Lorentz subgroup. Therefore knowing the algebra of X and M we know the form of energy-momentum manifold.

To find the algebra in question let us make the identification

$$\hat{M}^{\mu\nu} = M^{\mu\nu}, \quad \hat{M}^{(D+1)\mu} = -\hat{M}^{\mu(D+1)} = \kappa X^\mu$$

One can easily check that the algebra of $(D+1)(D+2)/2$ generators \hat{M}^{AB} , $(A, B = 0, \dots, D+1)$ satisfying

$$[\hat{M}^{AB}, \hat{M}^{CD}] = i \left(\hat{g}^{BC} \hat{M}^{AD} - \hat{g}^{AC} \hat{M}^{BD} - \hat{g}^{BD} \hat{M}^{AC} + \hat{g}^{AD} \hat{M}^{BC} \right) \quad (15)$$

is equal to (11)–(13) if

$$\hat{g}^{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & & 0 \\ & g^{\mu\nu} & & \vdots \\ & & & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \dots 0 & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$g^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} g^{00} & \dots & g^{0D} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ g^{D0} & \dots & g^{DD} \end{pmatrix}$$

is the Minkowski spacetime metric in the Hopf algebra (1)–(10).

First we ask if the metric \hat{g}^{AB} can be degenerate, i.e., if it can have zero eigenvalues. Since the metric $g^{\mu\nu}$ is non-degenerate (with eigenvalues $-1, 1, \dots, 1$) from standard theorems of matrix algebra it follows that the rank of \hat{g}^{AB} can be at least $D+1$, and thus it can have at most one zero eigenvalue. This happens if, for example, one of the first $D+1$ columns of \hat{g}^{AB} is proportional to its last column, i.e., in the light-like case. Straightforward algebraic considerations show next that \hat{g}^{AB} can have only the following signatures: $[-, +, \dots, +]$, $[-, -, +, \dots, +]$ or $[0, -, +, \dots, +]$ corresponding to the time-like, space-like and light-like deformations, respectively.

Let us now make this explicit in the four-dimensional case.

Time-like deformation. In this case $g^{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(-1, 1, 1, 1)$ and the algebra (15) is the $SO(1, 4)$ algebra, while the energy-momentum space is de

Sitter space $SO(1,4)/SO(1,3)$. This case has been analyzed before in [13] and [14].

Space-like deformation. $g^{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(1, -1, 1, 1)$ and the algebra (15) is the $SO(2,3)$ algebra. The energy-momentum space is anti-de Sitter space $SO(2,3)/SO(1,3)$. It is worth noticing that anti-de Sitter space is the energy-momentum manifold of 2+1 dimensional quantum gravity coupled to point particle [22]. Explicitly, the relation between the generators J^μ (rotation and boosts) and y^μ (translations) employed in that paper, which satisfy the algebra

$$\begin{aligned} [y^\mu, y^\nu] &= 2\epsilon^{\mu\nu}{}_\sigma y^\sigma \\ [J^\mu, J^\nu] &= -\epsilon^{\mu\nu}{}_\sigma J^\sigma \\ [J^\mu, y^\nu] &= -\epsilon^{\mu\nu}{}_\sigma y^\sigma \end{aligned}$$

and our generators is the following

$$\begin{aligned} J^1 &= -i\kappa X^0 \\ J^2 &= iM^{01} \\ J^0 &= i\kappa X^1 - iM^{01} \\ y^1 &= i\kappa X^0 + iM^{12} \\ y^2 &= -i\kappa X^2 - iM^{01} + iM^{02} \\ y^0 &= -i\kappa X^1 + iM^{01} - M^{02} \end{aligned}$$

The relation of 2+1 quantum gravity to DSR theories and its possible relevance for 3+1 dimensional physics has been analyzed in [23] and [24].

Light-like deformation. Now the metric $g^{\mu\nu}$ is given by (6) and it is clear that the metric \hat{g}^{AB} is degenerate. In context of DSR theory such deformation has been analyzed in [21]. It is easy to see that in this case the algebra (15) is the standard Poincaré algebra and that the energy-momentum space is the flat Minkowski space. Explicitly, the four commuting elements \mathcal{X}^μ have the form

$$\mathcal{X}^0 = X^0 - \frac{1}{\kappa} M^{10}, \quad \mathcal{X}^1 = X^1, \quad \mathcal{X}^\alpha = X^\alpha - \frac{1}{\kappa} M^{1\alpha}, \quad \alpha = 2, 3.$$

This case certainly deserves further studies, as it may correspond to DSR theories with commuting spacetime. There is a hope therefore that, for example, the construction of κ -deformed field theory [18] might be much simpler here

than in other cases. We will present the results of this investigations in a separate paper.

In conclusions let us recapitulate the results of reported above. We found that in general case, there are three DSR phase spaces associated with κ -Poincaré algebra. Let us stress that since this algebra has the same form in any dimension, our results hold for any space dimension $D \geq 1$ as well. It is of course an open problem which of this cases (if any) is a correct setting for 3+1 quantum special relativity. Work in this direction is in progress.

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